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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7091

BILL NUMBER: HB 1115

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Arson Division Service Weapons at Retirement.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Cherry

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a retiring member of the Arson Division of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to retain the member's service weapon. The bill requires the office to issue the retiring member a badge and an identification card.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill provides that when a member of the Arson Division retires after at least 20 years of service, the office must:

- (1) Allow the member to retain the service weapon the office issued to the member.
- (2) Issue the member a badge that indicates the member is a retired member of the Arson Division of the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- (3) Issue the member an identification card that contains the name of the office and the division; the name of the member; the member's position title; the fact that the member is retired; and that the member is authorized to retain the service weapon issued by the office.

As of November 2004, the Arson Division had 4 staff with over 20 years of service. Members are issued two handguns and a shotgun, but the 40 Glock, which costs about \$400, is considered to be the service weapon. The division has 13 staff, including 2 secretaries. The overall fiscal impact, though not expected to be significant, will depend on the number and years in which investigators retire.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Personnel Staffing Report; Mara Synder, Office of the State Fire Marshal, 233-5341.

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